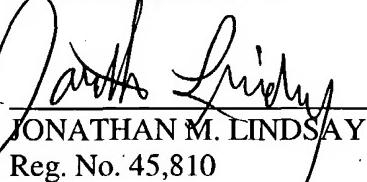


REMARKS

Applicant has corrected various minor informalities in the specification. A marked up version of the amended paragraphs is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In addition, claims 1-17 are being deleted and claims 18-67 being added. Applicant submits that no new matter is being added.

Respectfully submitted,

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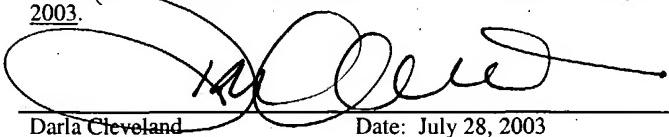
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EXHIBIT A

Marked Up Version of Amended Paragraphs

Paragraph beginning on p. 6, line 29:

-- The dispatch manager 17 determines whether each required BIOS module is in the system memory 13, and if it is not, find, loads and executes each required BIOS module. The BIOS module may be located in the critical nonvolatile storage device 15 (flash memory) or in the secondary nonvolatile storage device 20a, including any of the critical or secondary nonvolatile storage devices 20a identified above.--

Paragraph beginning on p. 7, line 20:

-- The PARTIES specification specifies how to organize data on the secondary nonvolatile storage device 20a. The ATA/ATAPI-5 and SCSI-3 Block Commands provide a means to create a protected space on the secondary nonvolatile storage device 20a. As will be described below with reference to Fig. 5, the present invention combines these capabilities to create the BIOS protected area 27 on the secondary nonvolatile storage device 20a (such as in the hard disk drive 20a) to [the] store a plurality of individual BIOS modules. Selected BIOS modules are read from the BIOS protected area 27 on the secondary nonvolatile storage device 20a into the system memory 13 and executed using the method 50 (Fig. 6) of the present invention to initialize the computer 10a.--

Paragraph beginning on p. 10, line 17:

-- The normal operating system boot process is then initiated 40. The steps described above prevent unauthorized access to the PARTIES area by anything [accept] except the system firmware.--